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averaged from 25s. to 30s. per ton 19, com-  
pared with 37s. 6d. from London and  
Liverpool. At Cape Colony also it was  
stated that freight was the main factor  
in letting in the United States, 22s.  
6d. per ton being charged for furniture  
from New York and 31s. 3d. to 33s.  
9d. from London. Even if differences such  
as these exist only for a time they must  
nevertheless exercise a considerable in-  
fluence while they last and give the for-  
eigner an opportunity of securing a footing  
in markets that were previously supplied  
from Great Britain.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board on  
Thursday there was considered an applica-  
tion for the removal of a lease of Crown land  
in Lau Kwai Fong Lane. The application  
had been referred to the Sanitary Board  
because the property affected obstructs the  
entrance to the lane, access to which is gained  
by a narrow way under the house. The Medical  
Officer of Health, opposed the granting of the  
application, and was supported by Mr.  
Ede, whereas the Director of Public Works  
proposed that the lease be extended as an  
annual lease so long as the lane continues  
in its present condition and the houses are  
not raised in height. The Hon. F. H.  
MAY, who presided, seconded the Hon.  
R. D. OMBURY's amendment, but the  
Board being equally divided, he de-  
clined to give a casting vote, and the  
question, so far as the Sanitary Board is  
concerned, is thus left open. The Govern-  
ment, however, cannot have much difficulty  
in coming to a decision without the advice  
of that body. The building of houses on  
arbitrary over the entrance of lanes is  
entirely opposed to sanitary principles. The  
objection is of course greater in proportion  
to the height of the houses in the lane  
and the height of the obstruction, but  
any obstruction whatever is objectionable  
as it necessarily interferes with the free cir-  
culation of air and more or less excludes the  
direct rays of the sun. It would be an  
anachronism for any civilized Government  
of the present day to sanction such structures  
or to sanction their continuance when the  
lay of vested interests permits of their re-  
moval. The Director of Public Works  
seemed to be influenced in his opinion by  
what he considered the hardship to the  
owner of the house built over the ground  
in question. If there is any real hardship  
in the matter it would be better to meet it  
by monetary or other compensation than by  
permitting the continuance of an obstruc-  
tion. Where for any reason the removal  
of a Crown lease is refused liberal com-  
pensation should be given to the in-  
terests of the parties affected thereby,  
for when a person holds land on  
lease from the Crown it is always assumed  
that a renewal will be obtainable on the  
expiry of the lease, though possibly at a  
higher rental, to be fixed in accordance with  
the value of the surrounding property. The  
idea of dispossession without compensation  
seldom or never presents itself to a Crown  
leaseholder. If, therefore, there is any hard-  
ship in the Lau Kwai Fong case let the owner  
be properly compensated, but the Govern-  
ment would commit a grave error if it  
sanctioned the continuance of an obstruc-  
tion, granting of an annual lease would be a  
very inadvisable expedient, as it would only  
lay up difficulties for the future and lead  
to prevent improvements in the lane.

Entries for the Hongkong Race close to-  
day.

The N. G. I. steamer *Bernarda* left Singapore  
for this port on 18th inst., and is due here  
on or about the 21st inst.

The total sum subscribed by the people of  
Great Britain and Ireland to the India  
Fund amounted, in round figures, to  
12,292,000 rupees.

Mr. W. Macdonald, who formerly represented  
the Straits Insurance Co. at Hongkong, has  
been appointed Singapore Agent of the Union  
Insurance Society of Canton, Limited.

At the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon  
Mr. J. J. Sprague, C.C., resumed his arguments  
on a point at law raised in the case in which  
he was represented by Mr. J. D. Stephens, and  
Mr. J. D. Stephens was claiming  
for a writ of mandamus. The Court adjourned  
until this morning.

A tea party was given at the Ballroom Public  
School yesterday in celebration of the birthday  
of Mrs. Bateman, the head mistress. Upwards  
of one hundred pupils, past and present, accepted  
the invitation of Mrs. Bateman, and a very  
enjoyable afternoon was spent. After tea  
dancing and singing engaged the attention of  
the guests, the music being provided by the  
company pupils.

Commander Sir Robert Arbuthnot, R.N.,  
was married to Miss Macleay, daughter of  
Colonel A. C. Macleay, C.B., 3rd South  
Highland, in St. Peter's Church, Bathurst,  
on Saturday afternoon, 11th December.  
The parties and aisle were lined by the two  
chief petty officers and 300 blue-jackets lately  
arrived from the *Chips* Station, where they  
had all served on board the *Centurion* battle-  
ship, with the bridegroom. The bride, who was  
accompanied by her father, was attended by  
young Master, Gay Wilcock and Master  
Tom Macleay, in sailor costume, and by six  
young bridesmaids, the Misses Dorothy and  
Beatrice Arbuthnot, Miss Dulcie Plowden, Miss  
Sylvia Hastings, Miss Mary Campbell, and Miss  
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It would simply mean that for the time being freight rates on all port lower than at Antwerp, and that, such as they were, they must be either accepted or left to foreign steamers to carry. But, if the latter course were chosen, a more categorical denial. The allegation rested upon the freight on iron and iron materials, which formed the chief export from Liverpool, and the chief import to London. The ships sailing from London charged a higher rate for such cargo than they charged at Antwerp. As a matter of fact there was practically no iron sent by railway for shipment to Liverpool, and the freight on iron at London was at a disadvantage as compared with Liverpool and Glasgow, the iron manufacturing districts being more contiguous to their iron producing ports. Therefore, at Liverpool, London and Antwerp there was no competition, because there was no identity in the character of the shipments. But the competition did arise in the freight on iron sent to London by ship, which might be said to compete with similar cargo from Antwerp, and if the Middlesbrough rate were to be maintained, the freight on iron sent to London from that port from Antwerp, the Middlesbrough rate would be placed at a disadvantage. Some time ago there was a great struggle between certain Liverpool and Glasgow exporters and London and Hamburg, and they brought the freight down at the first named port to 10s. a ton, or even lower. At all events, their company lost to the London and Hamburg companies, and the latter, at the German line, rose, or less the business. When the company found that this threatened competition was not to be an affair of days, they decided to meet the London and Hamburg rate in Liverpool, and the rate similarly reduced there. What he desired to point out emphatically in this connection was that they were not at all lowering the rate for iron sent to Liverpool, and the rate similarly reduced there. What he desired to point out emphatically in this connection was that they were not at all lowering the rate for iron sent to Liverpool, and the rate similarly reduced there. What he desired to point out emphatically in this connection was that they were not at all lowering the rate for iron sent to Liverpool, and the rate similarly reduced there.

**INTIMATIONS**

**TWO COTTON SPINNING & WEAVING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

**THE TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from the 8th January, 1898, to the 15th January, 1898, both days inclusive.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 25th December, 1897. [1293]

**THE LAKUP PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that in pursuance of Section 33 of the Companies Ordinance, 1864, that a **GENERAL MEETING** of the Members of the above-named COMPANY will be held at No. 1, PRAYA CENTRAL, on **MONDAY, the 17th instant, at Noon**, for the purpose of having an account laid before them by the Liquidators showing the manner in which the winding up has been conducted and the Property of the Company disposed of and of hearing any Explanation that may be given by the Liquidators and of determining by extraordinary resolution the manner in which the Books, Accounts, and Documents of the Company and of the Liquidators thereof shall be disposed of.

**J. W. WALKINSHAW,**  
**JAMES H. COX,**  
Liquidators.  
Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [172]

**THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the **SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING** of the **SHAREHOLDERS** will be held at the **OFFICE** of the General Managers, No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on **MONDAY, the 17th January, 1898, at 3 o'clock in the AFTERNOON**, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with Statement of accounts to the 31st December, 1897.

**THE TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from the 8th to the 17th Jan., both days inclusive.

**MEYER & CO.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [173]

**THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the **NINTH ORDINARY MEETING** of **SHAREHOLDERS** in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, VICTORIA BUILDINGS, No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on **MONDAY, the 13th of January, 1898, at 11.30 o'clock a.m.** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be **CLOSED** from **WEDNESDAY, the 13th, to FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1898** (both days inclusive), during which period no **TRANSFER** of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
**A. SHELTON HOOPER,**  
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.,  
General Agents for the West Point Building Co. Limited.  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1898. [196]

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO. LIMITED.**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the **TENTH ORDINARY MEETING** of **SHAREHOLDERS** in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, VICTORIA BUILDINGS, No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on **MONDAY, the 13th of January, 1898, at 12 o'clock (Noon)** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be **CLOSED** from **WEDNESDAY, the 14th, to FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1898** (both days inclusive), during which period no **TRANSFER** of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
**A. SHELTON HOOPER,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1898. [197]

**HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO. LIMITED.**

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

**THE SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING** of **SHAREHOLDERS** in the Company will be held at the Company's Offices, VICTORIA BUILDINGS, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on **SATURDAY, the 20th inst., at 12 o'clock (Noon)**, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing auditors.

**THE TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from the 16th to the 29th instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.  
**T. ARNOLD,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 11th January, 1898. [18]

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Hongkong, 20th April, 1897. [10]

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	<b>HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.</b>	
	Paid-up Capital ..... £10,000,000 RESERVE FUND ..... £2,700,000 RESERVE ALLOWED OF PROFIT.....£16,000,000	
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PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... 687,500 0 0  
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Hongkong, 4th September, 1897. [259]

**VESSELS EXPECTED.**

**THE AMERICAN MAIL.**  
The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with the American mail of the 8th instant, left Yokohama on Monday, the 6th inst., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, 16th instant.  
The P. M. steamer *Doric*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at 9 a.m., Nagasaki, and Shanghai on the 28th instant.  
The P. M. steamer *China*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at 9 a.m., Nagasaki, and Shanghai, on the 6th inst.

**THE FOREIGN MAIL.**  
The M. M. steamer *Singay*, with the next regular Mail Singapore on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at 5 p.m., for this port via Saigon  
**THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.**  
The steamer *Clingta* left Port Darwin on the 2nd inst., and may be expected to arrive in the 15th instant.  
**THE INDIAN MAIL.**  
The steamer *Kintony*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 27th inst., and may be expected to arrive in the 15th instant.  
**MERCHANT STRAMERS.**  
The N. P. steamer *Pelican* sailed from Tacoma, Wn., on the 14th inst., for Japan, leaving the N. P. steamer *Hakone* has arrived at Yokohama from Taheba.  
The N. P. steamer *Lombard* sailed from Portland, Ore., for Japan and Hongkong on the 14th inst.  
The P. & O. steamer *Hyglia* left Bombay for this port on the 8th inst.  
The N. P. steamer *Victoria* sailed from Seattle, Wash., for Japan and Hongkong on the 8th inst.  
The steamer *Glenangary*, from Middlesex, London and Straits, left Singapore for this port on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 12 o'clock.  
The African Lloyd's steamer *Pavonia* left Kobe for this port on the 9th instant.  
The Austrian Lloyd's steamer *Ampfritsch* left Trieste, Italy, for this port on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at 12 o'clock.  
The Hibernian Line steamer *Duke Rickards* left Singapore on Monday, the 10th inst., and may be expected long on or about the 24th inst.  
The C. M. steamer *Ningchow*, from Glasgow, left Singapore for this port on the 12th instant, and may be expected long on or about the 16th inst.  
The N. Y. K. steamer *Tosa Maru* (Europe route) left Singapore for this port on the 11th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 24th inst.  
The N. Y. K. steamer *Hiroshima Maru* (Limo) left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 24th inst.  
The N. Y. K. steamer *Omi Maru* (Australasia) left Thursday Island for this port on the 10th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 24th inst.  
The steamer *Durandal* left Colombo on Tuesday, the 11th instant, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 21st instant.  
The N. G. F. steamer *Durandal* left Singapore for this port on the 11th inst., and is due here on or about the 21st inst.

**PASSED THE CANAL.**  
**OUTWARD.—** 17th Dec.—*Oolong* 31st Dec., *Pro-metheus*. 24th Dec.—*Curmethensley*, *Maria Doloris*, 25th Dec.—*Synthetic*, *Mario Johnson*, *Craft*, *Tygar*. 31st Dec.—*Barnes*, *Wendell*, *Wendell*, *Wendell*, 1st Jan.—*Natal*, *Croft*, *Langkat*. 7th January—*Hartley*, *Jagan*, *Gladstone*, *Old*, *Patricius*. 11th January—*Mira*.

**INWARD.—** 17th Dec.—*Formosa*, *Sargodon*, *Vindicta*, *Cromarty*, *Thekla*.

**POST-OFFICE NOTICES.**

**MAILS TO BE CLOSED.**  
For Taiwan, Hong Kong, Shanghai, —Per *Kiang*, to-day, the 15th inst., at 14.30 A.M.  
For Surabaya and Samaranga,—Per *Fenrang*, to-day, the 15th inst., at 11.30 A.M.  
For Manila, Per *Zaffra*, to-day, the 15th inst., at 11.30 A.M.  
For Siam,—Per *Luning*, to-day, the 15th inst., at 3.30 P.M.  
For Bangkok, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama,—Per *Aryo*, to-day, the 15th inst., at 2.30 P.M.  
For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow,—Per *Haitan*, to-day, the 15th inst., at 5.30 P.M.  
For Wuchow,—Per *Joo Lin*, to-day, the 15th inst., at 5.00 P.M.  
For Shanghai,—Per *Kienyang*, to-morrow, the 16th inst., at 9.30 A.M.  
For Swatow and Bangkok,—Per *Loong*, on Monday, the 17th inst., at 9.30 A.M.  
For Singapore, Samaranga and Surabaya,—Per *Chuang*, on Monday, the 17th inst., at 2.00 P.M.  
For Singapore,—Per *Benchi*, on Monday, the 17th inst., at 4.30 P.M.  
For Singapore,—Per *Kaisou*, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at 1.00 P.M.  
For Singapore, Penang and Calcutta,—Per *Liong*, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at 2.00 P.M.  
For Ymer, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cockburn, Townsville, Cairns, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne,—Per *Galrie*, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at 4.00 P.M.  
For Singapore, Penang and Bombay,—Per *Yam*, on Thursday, the 19th inst., at 1.30 A.M.  
For Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama,—Per *Rosetta*, on Friday, the 20th inst., at 11.30 A.M.

**PERSEVERANCE LODGE**  
OF HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PERSEVERANCE LODGE will be held at the FREEMASON'S HALL ON MONDAY, the 17th inst., at 8.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 11th January, 1898. [189]

**VICTORIA PRECEPTORY**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held at the FREEMASON'S HALL ON FRIDAY, the 20th January, at 8.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1898. [190]

**EOTHEN MARK LODGE,**  
No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE EOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMASON'S HALL ON FRIDAY, the 21st inst., at 8.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [210]

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Hongkong 4th August, 1897. [2]

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N LONDON.									
Telegraphic Transfer	.....	1/14							
Bank Bills, on demand	.....	1/11½							
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	.....	1/11							
Bank Bills, at 1 month's sight	.....	1/11½							
Credits, at 4 months' sight	.....	1/11½							
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight	.....	1/11							
PARIS.									
Bank bills, on demand	.....	2.45							
Credit, at 4 months' sight	.....	2.50							
GEBMANY.									
On demand	.....	1994							
On demand	.....	1994							
BANK BILLS ON DEMAND	.....	474							
Credit, 60 days' sight	.....	474							
BOMBAY.									
Telegraphic Transfer	.....	145½							
Bank bill demand	.....	146							
CALCUTTA.									
Telegraphic Transfer	.....	145½							
Bank, on demand	.....	146							
SINGAPORE.									
Bank, at night	.....	73							
Private, 30 days' sight	.....	74							
YOKOHAMA.									
On demand	.....	4 % pm.							
MARITIMA.									
On demand	.....	.54 % pm.							
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OVERSEAS, Bank's Buying Rate	.....	110.10							
OLD LEAF, 100 fms, per share	.....	\$2.50							
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Hongkong & Shanghai.	£125	187 p.t. prem.,							
China & Japan, pref.	£125	nominal							
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